# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

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Employment and Rewards in Sports
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to afford gainful employment opportunities to retired sportspersons within the sports sector;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government plans to extend the sports pension scheme to the sportspersons who have represented the nation at international or national level events; and
(d) the number of land and such rewards announced by the centre along with the number of their recipients during the last three years, State-wise, sports-wise and year-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) & (b): The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports provides monthly pension to meritorious sportspersons and financial assistance to retired/active sportspersons who are living in indigent conditions.
Recruitment of meritorious sportspersons against vacancies reserved for sports quota is done in Central Government offices in terms of extant instructions of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension.
In terms of existing instructions of the Government, upto 5% of direct recruit vacancies in Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' are reserved for meritorious sportspersons in Central Government offices.
Further, Ministries/Department of Government of India can recruit meritorious sportspersons in any year in relaxation of the recruitment procedure, to the extent that these, including all other reservations under existing orders, do not exceed 50% of the total number of vacancies proposed to be filled by direct recruitment. Central Government organizations and Public Sector undertakings recruit meritorious sportspersons including medal winners in international sports events from time to time for which they advertise in Employment News and other newspapers.
(c) No, Madam.
(d) The Government does not provide rewards like land to Sportspersons.
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